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From: David E. Janssen  
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**COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY (CLEAR) PROGRAM - RELATES  
TO ITEM 41, AGENDA OF JULY 13, 2004**

On June 21, 2004, Supervisor Antonovich introduced a motion to restore program reductions required due to gradual decrease in the federal Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) grant, by the following 2004-05 budget augmentations: \$584,000 and 11.0 budgeted positions to the Probation Department; \$763,232 and 5.0 budgeted positions to the District Attorney's Office; and \$153,368 to the Sheriff's Department, totaling \$1,500,600. On motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Board continued Supervisor Antonovich's original motion to July 13, 2004, and instructed my office to report back to the Board with an assessment of maintaining the CLEAR Program as is, what the allocation amount would be, and an explanation of the increase in dollar amounts contained in the motion over the 2003-04 federal CLEAR grant allocations.

**Clear Grant Program History**

In 1996, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) provided \$1.0 million to the City of Los Angeles (City) to implement the CLEAR Program, working with County agencies to address and combat gang activity in northeast Los Angeles. Overall program funding increased in 2000-01, but the allocations have been reduced in each of the subsequent fiscal years. To the extent possible, County departments have absorbed the federal revenue loss by reallocating general fund resources from other priorities to maintain the program.

Attached is a comparison of 2003-04 and 2004-05 CLEAR funding for the District Attorney's Office, the Probation Department, and the Sheriff's Department, reflecting the full cost of the program. The net County cost figures reflect reductions in grant funding that departments have been required to absorb in order to maintain program service level. In 2003-04, affected departments absorbed \$1.2 million in CLEAR program costs.

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### **Funding Required to Maintain CLEAR Program Service Level**

The funding allocations specified in Supervisor Antonovich's June 21 motion represent net County cost backfill of the full grant allocation for federal fiscal year 2003-04 and backfill for the District Attorney's absorption of program costs for ten months. Although the CLEAR grant is substantially reduced in federal fiscal year 2004-05, \$365,000 remains and should be subtracted from the net County cost requirement to maintain the County's portion of the CLEAR program at the 2003-04 service level for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

At the 2003-04 funding level, the Los Angeles City and County CLEAR program operated at the LAPD Devonshire, Foothill, Hollenbeck, Northeast, and Newton Divisions. Unless augmented by other funding sources, the 2004-05 federal grant funding level will support operations at the LAPD Hollenbeck Division only.

In order to maintain the CLEAR Program at the 2003-04 service level, an additional \$1,171,000 net County cost would be required in 2004-05, allocated as follows: \$450,000 and 6.0 budgeted positions to the Probation Department, \$450,000 and 2.5 budgeted positions to the District Attorney's Office, and \$271,000 and 2.0 budgeted positions to the Sheriff's Department.

If the Board authorizes net county cost backfill for the \$1.2 million reduction in federal CLEAR grant funds, affected departments would still be required to absorb \$1.2 million in program costs as they did during the 2003-04 fiscal year.

The Sheriff, District Attorney, and Chief Probation Officer have reviewed this report, but have indicated that backfill of the \$1.2 million absorption requirement is urgently requested to avoid the necessity of reallocating funds from other high priority programs to fund this crucial gang intervention program.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Eva Snider of my staff at (213) 974-2291.

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Attachment

c: County Counsel  
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Sheriff

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**COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY (CLEAR) PROGRAM**  
**Funds Required to Restore CLEAR to FY 2003-04 Service Level**

	FY 2003-04		FY 2004-05		Variances	
	Funding Amount	Bud Pos	Funding Amount	Bud Pos	Funding	Bud Pos
<b><u>Federal CLEAR Grant</u></b>						
Sheriff	\$356,000	3.0	\$85,000	1.0	(\$271,000)	(2.0)
District Attorney	596,000	3.5	146,000	1.0	(450,000)	(2.5)
Probation	584,000	8.0	134,000	2.0	(450,000)	(6.0)
Sub-Total CLEAR City Funds*	\$1,536,000	14.5	\$365,000	4.0	(\$1,171,000)	(10.5)
<b><u>Departmental Program Funds**</u></b>						
Sheriff	196,000	2.0	196,000	2.0	\$0	0.0
District Attorney	440,000	2.5	440,000	2.5	0	0.0
Probation	512,000	8.0	512,000	8.0	0	0.0
Sub-Total - NCC	\$1,148,000	12.5	\$1,148,000	12.5	\$0	0.0
<b><u>SUMMARY - TOTAL CLEAR PROGRAM</u></b>						
Sheriff	\$552,000	5.0	\$281,000	3.0	(271,000)	(2.0)
District Attorney	1,036,000	6.0	1,036,000	3.5	(450,000)	(2.5)
Probation	1,096,000	16.0	646,000	10.0	(450,000)	(6.0)
Total CLEAR Program	\$2,684,000	27.0	\$1,513,000	16.5	(\$1,171,000)	(10.5)

\* Number rounded to nearest thousand.

\*\* Reflects the amount departments are absorbing in 2003-04 and assumes their continued ability to absorb the same amount in 2004-05.